



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 30, 2010 6:00 P.M. Town Offices

Members Present: Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Karyn Puleo.

Member Absent: Selectwoman O'Neill

Staff Present: Interim Town Admin. Norman Thidemann, Admin Assistant Therese Gay

1. 6:00 P.M. Open Meeting

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Clerk read the agenda.

2. 6:15 P.M. Peter Lafarella – Sewer Department

Mr. Peter Lafarella was before the Board to discuss his dismissal as the Administrator to the Sewer Department. The Board did ask Mr. Lafarella if he wished to discuss under Executive Session or in Open Session. The Chair explained that the Executive Session Minutes would be released at the conclusion of the deposition. Mr. Lafarella agreed to have an open session. The Board received a letter from the Sewer Department dismissing Mr. Lafarella from the position. He was placed on administrative leave on March 11, 2010 due to multiple complaints from the Sewer Superintendent and the Treasurer, specifically instances where the spreadsheet was incomplete, or wrong accounts payable presented. Mr. Lafarella stated he did make mistakes and made miscalculations in the warrants because he felt rushed and he was working less hours, the Sewer Commissioners knew he had no experience; he never had a chance to show that he could do the job. He did rectify the mistakes and went forward, he did not have the assistance from the office. Mr. Lafarella feels that he was unfairly dismissed, and that he did not have enough time to do the job he needed to do. The Board had no final comments and Mr. Lafarella referred to his letter and had nothing further to add.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectwoman Puleo to act on the recommendation from the Sewer Commissioners to dismiss Mr. Lafarella, and to reference Mr. Lafarella in the positive.

Selectwoman O'Neill entered the Selectman's meeting at 6:30 P.M.

3. Other Business

A. Road Acceptance – Set Date

The hearing date schedule for the road acceptance hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2010.

B. Budget

The Board placed the discussion on the budget on a future Selectmen agenda.

C. Review Draft Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Spoke briefly on a couple of items one being the \$1.00 stipend for the elected officials, the stipends was cut in 2005. The Level 3 sex offender by-law was discussed the by-law addresses where a level 3 sex offender cannot live. The offender cannot live within 2,000 feet of a school, day care or play ground. The article 4 and the Level 3 Sex Offender by-law will be placed on the Monday April 12 agenda.

Interim Town Administrator spoke briefly on the Elementary School Repairs near the Beaver Dam, during the flooding mishap a dumpster was damaged, damages too costly for the residents the FEMA officials will have an office open in the area to help reimburse the residents for the losses. The Town will submit a letter and itemize the damages for reimbursement. The young Eagle Scout hoping to construct a ADA compliance path in the Library garden. The Town Administrator will check with the Insurance Company to see if there is a liability in allowing the Scout to proceed with the path. There is no Capital Plan; the committee has not yet met. The Sewer Commissioners will be in to discuss the SR Funding on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen voted on a motion by Selectman Lemoine, second by Selectman Jackson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and collective bargaining and at the conclusion of the Executive Session to return to open session to exit. Roll Call Vote: Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, yes; Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Puleo, yes; Selectwoman O'Neill, yes. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

4. Executive Session

A. Personnel Issues

The Board discussed a personnel issue that was presented to them in open session with the individual agreeing.

B. Collective Bargaining

Selectman Jackson was invited to attend a School Committee negotiating session. There was discussion about the Selectman's representative to be a voting member, the Town Administrator will speak to Labor Counsel and get an opinion. The Board spoke briefly on the collective bargaining.

At the conclusion of discussions the Board voted on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to exit Executive Session and to return to open session to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, yes; Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, yes; Selectwoman Puleo, yes; Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

5. Adjournment

The Board voted on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Gay, Admin Assist

Approved on: Monday July 26, 2010